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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF GROUP FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION
OF MOZAMBIQUE PROBLEM (GPSMP)

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 0749

1. IN TALK LAST NIGHT WITH GPSMP PRESIDENT DR. MAXIMO DIAS
AND VICE PRESIDENT DR. JOANA SIMIAO, FORMER TOLD US HE HAD
APPOINTMENT MEET GOVERNOR GENERAL TODAY, NOVEMBER 6, ALTHOUGH
LATTER STILL HAS NO MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER CAETANO.

2. GROUP'S MAIN IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS TO GET PERMISSION
HOLD OPEN "CONGRESS" IN BEIRA, WHICH WOULD MARK FIRST
OPPORTUNITY FOR MAKING PUBLIC GROUP'S OBJECTIVES. WHETHER
OR NOT PORTUGUESE PERMIT CONGRESS TAKE PLACE WILL BE TEST
WHETHER MOVEMENT CAN REALLY GET UNDER WAY.

3. JORGE JARDIM TOLD DR. SIMIAO ON OCTOBER 25 HE WOULD
COLLABORATE WITH GROUP ON NON-OPEN BASIS. HOWEVER, SIMIAO
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BELIEVES JARDIM IS PLAYING DOUBLE GAME AS HE HAS BEEN IN

TOUCH WITH DOMINGOS AROUCA (BLACK LAWYER RECENTLY RELEASED FROM LONG DETENTION IN LISBON PRISON), AND HAS WARNED DIAS THAT SHE, SIMIAO, IS SUSPECT. SHE FEELS BOTH JARDIM AND AROUCA ARE WORKING FOR OWN ENDS: JARDIM HOPING USE AROUCA, MURUPA AND OTHER FRELIMO DEFECTORS TO FORM UDI-TYPE GOVERNMENT HEADED BY BLACKS BUT WHICH HE AND WHITE COHORTS CONTROL BEHIND-THE-SCENES; AROUCA SEEKING UTILIZE ANYTHING THAT WOULD PROPEL HIMSELF INTO LEADERSHIP.

4. SIMIAO/DIAS SAID JARDIM STRENGTH IS FALLING: DROPPED BY CHAMPALIMAUD, JARDIM'S ONCE POWERFUL BUSINESS INTERESTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED, AND HE HAS LOST CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORT BECAUSE OF HIS VIOLENT PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST MACUTI PRIESTS TWO YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, JAJDIM'S CLOSE TIES WITH DGS GIVE HIM USEFUL MEANS OF GAINING ACCESS TO AND INFLUENCING FRELIMO DEFECTORS.

5. DIAS/SIMIAO REITERATED THEIR HOPE THAT EDUCATED MOZAMBICANS NOW IN LISBON, EUROPE AND AMERICA WOULD BE ALLOWED RETURN HOME TO WORK FOR THEIR COUNTRY, AND ALSO EXPRESSED THOUGHT THAT AT APPROPRIATE TIME FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HELP PERSUADE PORTUGUESE TO ACCEPT AND COOPERATE WITH GROUP AS LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF MOZAMBICAN POPULACE.

6. COMMENT: DIAS IS PLEASANT, INTELLIGENT, SINCERE, BUT POLITICALLY UNSOPHISTICATED; SIMIAO IS MORE ABRASIVE, CONSPIRATORIAL. NOT YET CLEAR JUST HOW MUCH SUPPORT THE TWO CAN MUSTER FROM OTHERS THAN THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, THEY ARE APPARENTLY MEETING IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND WE'LL CONTINUE WATCH THEIR MOVES WITH INTEREST.
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